

REMARKS

Claims 1-28 now remain pending in this application. Claims 1-24 and 26 stand allowed, whereas claim 25 stands rejected. Applicants appreciate the examiner's allowance of claims 1-24 and 26. To better point out and claim their invention, applicants have amended 25. Further, applicants have added two new claims 27 and 28 to provide themselves with the full measure of patent protection to which they deem themselves entitled. As discussed in greater detail hereinafter, claims 27 and 28 have scope comparable to claims 1 and 15, respectively.

35 U.S.C. § 112 Rejection of Claim 25

Claims 25 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 second paragraph as being indefinite. Claim 25 recites a method, yet depends from claim 17 which recites an apparatus. Applicants have now amended claim 25 to recite an apparatus, thereby rendering the claim in compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 112.

New Claims 27 and 28

Applicants have added new apparatus claims 27 and 28 which have a scope comparable to claims 1 and 15, except the new claims 27 and 28 now recite that the film grain information identifies a model specifying how to simulate film grain, in addition to including at least one parameter. Claims 27 and 28 are allowable for the same reasons as claims 1-14 and 26.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, applicants solicit entry of this amendment and allowance of the claims. If the Examiner cannot take such action, the Examiner should contact the applicant's attorney at (609) 734-6820 to arrange a mutually convenient date and time for a telephonic interview.

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